

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
v. ) Case No. 1:17-cr-73  
MASSIO ALEXANDER LOONEY ) Judge Mattice/Steger  
 )

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge conducted a plea hearing in this case on August 11, 2017. At the hearing, Defendant entered a plea of guilty to counts one and two of the two count Indictment. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, the Court finds that Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by Defendant; it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises; Defendant understands the nature of the charges and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the District Court Judge.

I therefore recommend that the Court: (1) grant Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea as to counts one and two of the two count Indictment; (2) accept Defendant's guilty plea as to counts one and two of the two count Indictment; (3) adjudicate Defendant guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, which had been transported in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), and possessing a firearm, which had been transported in interstate commerce, from which the manufacturer's serial number had been removed, altered or obliterated, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 922(k); and (4) order that Defendant remain in custody until sentencing in this matter.

The Defendant's sentencing hearing is scheduled on **November 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**

**ENTER.**

*/s/Christopher H. Steger*

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**NOTICE TO PARTIES**

You have the right to *de novo* review by the district judge of the foregoing findings. Any application for review must be in writing; must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to; and must be filed and served no later than fourteen (14) days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within fourteen days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).